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the same olé tune

by Mark Flanagan

Returning to Saint Michael's after such an excruciatingly prolonged vacation is like returning to find a mirage, or perhaps like experiencing spring weather in mid-winter. You have the most distressing feeling that sooner or later the mirage is going to disappear and all the frustrations; the term papers, the incompletes and that apathetically wasted feeling you faced before you fled will be standing, once more, right in front of you, in an even more exaggerated form . . . with a big, dehumanizing gun in its face.

There are certain aspects of college life which, admittedly, appeal to the emotions. The friendships, the good times, the finished term papers, the completes — all of these work unendingly in an attempt to blacken out the reality of the situation. But, after you have heard for the nth time that unmerciful question, "How was your vacation?" in that same consistently unconcerned tone, the unwanted reality seems to gain monstrous proportions and you again find yourself ceaselessly muttering obscenities and mumbling about how much more you would be accomplishing if . . .

There is one aspect of this semester's college life which, hopefully, will make the "return" a little easier, that point being the administration's thoughtful restructuring of the book distribution for our classes; this being a chore which caused many students great problems — having to look for your own books, carrying them up to the cashier, etc. . . . now, whether this change was meant to lessen the students' burden or increase the financial health of the school isn't clear. One thing is clear however — you sure feel damn important filling out those sheets. Just knowing that anything you desire to circle will be placed in your hands in a matter of . . . minutes is satisfying, an increase in one's individual importance. Nevertheless, there are a few needs of the program that may prove to be lacking. First, as I understand it, you can't return any book after you purchase it, thus making any miscalculations in circling disastrous for you financially. Then, there is the problem of circling the wrong numbers altogether. I concede that this may be very improbable, but the thought of forfeiting credits in your major simply because of one misjudged flick of the wrist is devastating.

These questions are obviously trivial ones, and therefore I must confess that I (along with the majority of the student body here, I'm sure) am quite satisfied with the administration's attempt at making life here at Saint Michael's more significant and fulfilling. I am just a little disappointed that they didn't have the incentive capability to carry it just one step further by including delivery — maybe next year!

quotation of the week:

"It's a game we play every Tuesday night, and unfortunately it's a game we must play."

Paul Fitzgerald
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editorial

Amidst all the common boola boola that each first week of a new semester somehow requires one to succumb to, one must, in this full week of concencreted events, question the value of the extended Christmas break and ask what's the story with the spring semester schedule.

Returning after six long weeks one's optimism about the job he or she was going to have or the money he or she was going to save or the traveling he or she was going to do during the break is now fact.

The idea of St. Michael's offering 'Intercession' where a student who can't find a job, and isn't going to travel but would like the opportunity to profit academically from the prolonged vacation and receive credit for it should be examined.

By initiating this kind of program it would be possible to fulfill major or elective requirements by attending class on a double-session basis during January. One would pursue his field of study in one particular course independently for four weeks or perhaps obtain credit for some kind of work study research during this period.

The student association and the academic dean should at least consider the possibilities which are at hand for the different kinds of study that one should be able to obtain credit for and consider seriously those students who would gladly take advantage of such a program as 'Intercession.'

Assuming that Michaelmen haven't changed spring vacation could conceivably begin early in March and end early in April for some "students". However, for the remaining students going home the 10th of March, coming back the 20th and then having to go home again in a week for a long weekend at Easter is, to say the least, very impractical.

For some reason the administration which has among other things cancelled parent's weekend for economical reasons presumes students find transportation inexpensive.

MWM

In the December 11th issue of the **Michaelman,** Mr. Mark Flanagan took issue with a homily which I gave on the evening of December 5th. I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Mr. Flanagan and to clarify what appear to be misconceptions on his part.

First of all, I was not concerning myself with the indecisive members of the Church as much as the *indifferent* members, and I do believe there is a distinction.

By the indifferent person, I refer to one who has no interest in asking questions or searching for truth. Generally he is only interested in living for the moment and for his own self-interest. This type of person doesn't want to be bothered by questions which go beyond himself because, if he were to find some answers, he just might have to make a commitment to something. All too often, the word "commitment" is not part of his vocabulary. This type of person, I might add, is not absent from the St. Michael's campus.

When a person such as this also happens to be a baptized Catholic, this same indifference is carried over to his faith. There will be little commitment, if any at all, and he is likely to use the Church when it serves his own interest. Perhaps an example would be in order here.

Let me repeat the example which I used in my homily. Picture a young couple, if you will, approaching a priest for the purpose of being married. After an extended conversation, the priest has reason to inquire why they wish to be married in the Church. He receives the following reply, "We, ourselves, don't bother with the Church, but both of our parents are Catholic and they would like a Church wedding. We don't want to hurt their feelings". The fact that they are being hypocritical, are deceiving their parents, and are using the priest as a tool in the process, doesn't seem to phase them at all. They are simply interested in playing a little game with the Church.

To this type of person, I will say again, "get off the fence". Don't play games with the Church! If the process of getting off the fence demands asking some questions, then begin asking them honestly and openly.

At this point, I would like to remark briefly on the indecisive members of the Church whom Mr. Flanagan speaks of. If I gave the impression that I was intolerant of or unreceptive to such members in the Church, then I apologize for creating such an impression. I do believe that any intelligent Catholic ought to ask questions about his faith. Through this questioning I hope tht the person can grow in his understanding of Christ and the Church. The fact that a person has doubts about his faith but continues to seek the truth does not disturb me. I have seen people grow from a state of doubt to outstanding commitment to Christ. I also realize that the period of searching is not uniform for all but differs with each individual. For people who are in a state of doubt, rather than being the Archie Bunker of the ecclesiastical world, I'd like to think that I can be a source of understanding and encouragement.

Rev. John Mulholland, S.S.E.

rotc building fire believed arson

The idea of burning ROTC files has become a bit stale over the years but St. Michael's experienced it just before vacation. The "highly suspicious" inferno on December 13 gutted many Air Force ROTC offices in the Sloane Art Center.

The 4:30 a.m. blaze was discovered by a night watchman and caused $29,000 worth of damage. The FBI immediately joined in the investigation since government property was destroyed. There is significant evidence that arson may have been involved.

College officials have estimated the Sloane Art Center to be valued at about $400,000. The building was built in 1898 when Fort Ethan Allen was a cavalry post.

parents weekend canceled

Students no longer have to worry about entertaining parents when they are so diligently studying before final exams this year. A decision has been made to cancel Parent's Weekend which was originally scheduled for April 29-30, 1972.

The reasons President Boutin cited in making his decision were the current financial conditions at the college; the fact that each year the attendance is getting smaller and interest in the weekend is waning; and because of the new exam schedule and college calendar the weekend is too near exam time.

The question of future Parent's Weekends will be brought up at the next meeting of the Student Activities Advisory Committee.

"phytotron" obtained

SMC's Biology Department has recently acquired a conviron controlled environment chamber. The $1500 system allows complete regulation of such physical factors as day and night temperatures, humidity, atmosphere composition and light quality.

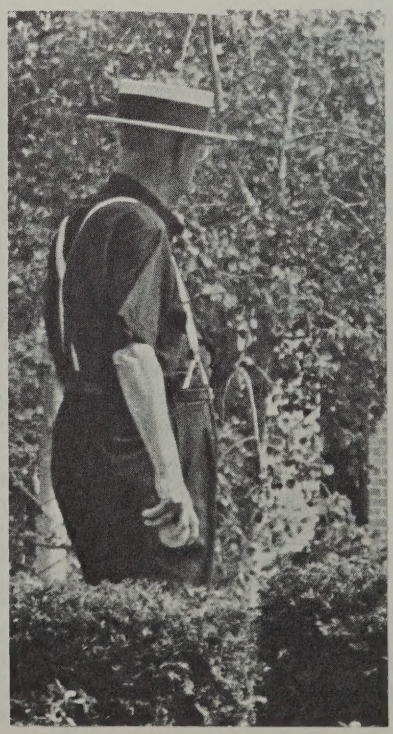
As a part of the department's new research program in plant physiology, the "phytotron" should prove to be an invaluable tool in studies of plant growth and development.

Dr. Deana T. Klein, professor and acting chairman, believes that the "phytotron will... open new avenues for research in plant science at SMC."

winter weekend plans

Attempting to please the Student Body, the Social Committee is being faced once again with the tedious job of planning winter weekend. The weekend's activities will begin on Friday, Feb. 4, at Madonna Mt. where SMC students and their dates will only be charged $3.50 per ski ticket. A party is scheduled that night in the Klein Student Center.

Also on the weekend's agenda is a concert. Rita Coolidge and the Blues Project will perform this Saturday night at Memorial Auditorium. Tickets go on sale in the bookstore for $2.50 and all profits will benefit the St. Michael's Student Development Drive.



faculty forms aaup chapter

Priorities in college planning topped the list of issues in the professional community as members of the faculty and faculty administrators met to form a chapter of the American Association of University Professors at St. Michael's.

The AAUP has long been the chief representative of the professions in the field of higher education and has recently agreed to engage in collective bargaining when requested to do so.

Forty-two faculty members attended the organizational meeting and elected William Garrett, associate professor of sociology, as president.

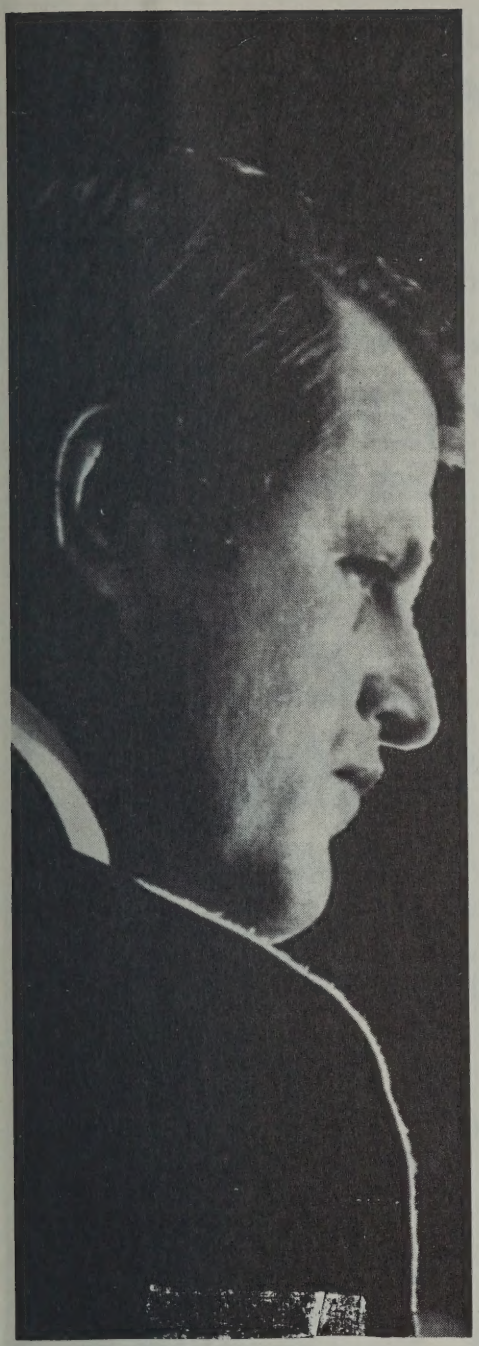
fr. hamel dies

The Rev. Edmund Joseph Hamel, 76, Society of St. Edmund, professor emeritus at St. Michael's College, died on December 13.

The educator served many offices since 1923 at St. Michael's including dean of men, dean of studies and director of scholastics.

In October of 1971 he received the SMC national alumni president's award for outstanding service to the college. Last year Hamel Hall was named in his honor.

Father Hamel, who was a priest for 49 years, attended St. Michael's High School and College, graduating in 1917. He held an M.A. degree from the University of Toronto and was awarded a doctor of humane letters degree by St. Michael's in May 1971.



senior honored

Robert A. Finkenzeller, a student at St. Michael's, was among 15 persons and organizations who received distinguished service awards for their work with children from the Governor's Committee on children and Youth.

Finkenzeller's contributions in service include Big Brother to a boy at Josephine B. Baird Children's Center, begging food for the poor in the Burlington area, collecting funds for victims of a recent block-destroying fire in Burlington, conducting parties for underpriviledged children and arranging visits and entertainment regularly for patients in a large nursing home.

Gov. Davis presented the Distinguished Service awards at the annual meeting and dinner at the Montpelier Tavern Motor Inn.

ted kennedy to speak at commencement

William Driscoll senior class president, has announced that Senator Ted Kennedy has accepted the class of '72's invitation to be the principle commencement speaker at graduation ceremonies Saturday, May 27th.

Driscoll revealed to the **Michaelman** that the Democratic Senator from Massachusetts, who among other things has been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate next November, first declined the invitation. However, Driscoll added "things were worked out, including changing the actual date of graduation from Sunday the 28th of May to Saturday the 27th of May in order to secure his appearance.

The senior class president also announced a partial list of honorary degree recipients. Those who have accepted to receive honorary degrees include: Dr. Reginald Cook, a renowned historian from Middlebury College; Dr. Katherine McSweeney, a Vermont physician known for her humanitarian work throughout the state; and Att. Philip David Fine, who has taken great interest in development at St. Michael's College.

new bookstore procedures

Under the new Bookstore sales system all five fingered discounts on textbooks have been eliminated. The normal self-service program will be discontinued and students will select their books from an order list and form. The Bookstore feels this program will allow them to control the sales volume more effectively.

Students will not be allowed to return or exchange textbooks under the new policy.

Although this system is a drastic change from the normal procedure, it is one which is being adapted by many college stores in the National Association. The basic idea behind the system is economy, in that the system saves man hours in the preparation of the books.

new bishop for burlington

Bishop John Aloysius Marshall, 43, became the seventh consecutive bishop of the Statewide Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington on Jan. 25. The services were attended by nearly 1,000 clergy, religious and laity.

Following the ceremony at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Burlington the Edmundite Fathers hosted a reception and dinner at St. Michael's. The dinner was attended by 650 persons including many church, state, and episcopal dignitaries.

pasquino II productions

* Movie Review *

Warner Bros.' "Bonnie and Clyde" revives the Depression-ridden Southwest of the 1930's. It was the time when bank robber Clyde Barrow and his cigar-smoking sweetheart, Bonnie Parker, held sheriffs and bank tellers in terror and frequently captured headlines with their daring, reckless, and often pointless crimes. The motion picture, opening . . .at the . . .Theater, stars Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway in the title roles. The film was directed by Arthur Penn and produced by Beatty.

Beatty and Penn first collaborated on the deceptive and allegorical decline of "Mickey One." However, it is their second effort, "Bonnie and Clyde," that has become an undisputed milestone in movie making. Controversial enough to make critics damn and then praise it, and important enough to change the entire intent and purpose of filmmaking for years to come, "Bonnie and Clyde" speaks of innovation — the violence erupting out of playfulness, the lovemaking fulfilled by a sense of impending death, the actual presence of time and place, and characterization.

Besides Beatty and Miss Dunaway, the cast includes Michael J. Pollard as C.W. Moss, the driver for the Barrow gang; Gene Hackman as Clyde's brother, Buck; Estelle Parsons as Buck's wife, Blanche; Denver Pyle as the sheriff who hunted down Bonnie and Clyde in an obscure wood in Arcadia, La., on May 23, 1934; and Gene Wilder in a sensational comic "chase" scene that launched his career as a comedian.

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By Ted 'Stork' Horton

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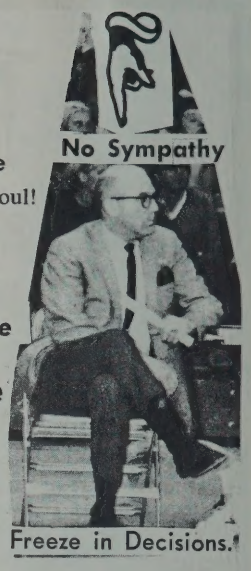

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Sober Chaos

What could possibly be the matter when one gets annihilated by Siena College by a measly 46 points, by Sacred Heart to the tune of 43 when its only 9 with 13 minutes remaining, by 32 to AIC, who are devastated later on by Central Conn. How possibly could our Purple People Eaters by down by 18 to the legendary and immortal Art Loche at the half, or even down 7 to Saint Anselm's with a starter not over 6'2". Granted we won the last two as UVM handed us the greatest choke job ever witnessed, but St. A's. We were actually and quite definitely out played for a good portion and out coached the entire contest.

The season has turned into a dismal failure for the fans who were hoping for a reversal of the last three seasons. Perhaps our hopes were unwarranted and we over rated a team which just can't seem to compete with the likes of perennial powerhouses like Sacred Heart, AIC, Siena and do battle with St. A's. The picture I get is a bit different. Maybe we should lose to these schools, but by 30, 40, and 50 points. Bull!

In reaching a conclusion I've come up with three key areas where all involved in the program are at fault. They are in the areas of 1. fundamentals, 2. discipline, 3. two-way street.

Concerning the first point, the Fundamentals of basketball have been almost entirely overlooked during the horrendous skein of losses and wins. A total lack of defense has been missing except for the hustling of Captain Mike Balzano. Watching him perform single-handedly against the Cats was a pleasure! We have invented a variety of new defenses such as the Sea-Gull, where we just wave our arms and hope or even the Look-Out defense — "Look out, there goes my man." We've made real heroes out of certain know-nothing ball players. The old ball-you-man defense that used to be stressed is now defunct. Perhaps the 2 on 2 no dribble should be re-instated. Another fundamental is blocking out on rebounds, especially foul shots, but where has this gone?

Concerning the 2nd point, the discipline on our St. Mike's squad has diminished to nothing, both on and off the court. I firmly believe the coach is at fault for not installing a patterned offensive drill, for 20 foot jumpers and 1-2 dribble shot just ain't gonna work pal. A new creative type, utilizing all 5 players should be installed and would be far more effective. Off the court is another story, and this is where my third point comes in. Playing basketball for four years and hence receiving $12,800 from a school is a 2-way street. We're paying your salary and in return we deserve the best you are able to offer. This is to apply in both the coaching, recruiting and playing capacities. Admittedly bad games do pop up once in a while but not as frequent as we've been witness to. I also believe a few problems could certainly be alleviated by an early bed time and a diet free of the finest barley malt, hops, and corn cereal. Stricter discipline must be enforced, for if people can't be left to do it alone they must be shown the way!

Perhaps the story lies in the word **PRIDE**. Basketball means something tremendous to the men of St. Michael's. They have great pride in their school especially the hoop squad, but when we get zonked in the manner we have been, it hurts deep inside. It's high time for the players to realize the situation that exists and for the coaches to correct it. If this isn't done then perhaps St. Michael's College of Winooski may become famous for pioneering Club Basketball!

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ROAD CALLS

knights win comedy of errors

by Bill Gaa

After suffering defeat at the hands of a good Siena Squad, our cagers tried once more, last Saturday, to get their act together. Playing in the friendly confines of Burlington Memorial Auditorium, they faced a well-disciplined St. Anselm's ball team

The first half was fairly even played with St. A's hold a 42-35 edge at the intermission. The Hawk's seven point buldge was built up by their patient, methodical play, which resulted in many shots close by the hoop. (They shot 52% from the floor for the game.) Also a contributing factor to our being behind was the hip injury to co-captain Bobby Terreault which affected his play. In this period of play, it was the clutch shooting of Tom Obaggy and the excellant all round play of Mike Balzano, who kept the Purple Knights in the game.

With the start of the second half, it was Bags who kept the Purple in the game. With Bags hitting constantly, and some support from his teammates, the Knights finally pulled out an 80-72 victory.

Upon completion of this game — which brought our record to 8 and 6 — it was just another in the continuing series of poorly played SMC basketball games.

With the exception of Tom Obaggy and Mike Balzano, the rest of the team played awful. It seems that these two players are the most under-rated members of this year's squad. Big men are supposed to rebound and score, hence their names constantly in the paper, however, players like Bags and Mike are always over-looked, and hopefully this season they shall get the credit they deserve!

The News and the Weather Will Publish Again

Another joint publication of "The News and the Weather" by St. Michael's College and the University of Vermont will be distributed in early February to everyone on campus. Anyone with contributions of poems, short stories, essays or drawings, and especially translations, are urged to deliver them to George Thabault, Box 45, on campus.

George Thabault

the last word

Once again reservations come to mind after returning to Saint Michael's College this second semester. It not only seemed that ole man winter was deliberately holding out till Michaelmen returned to blow up a storm but when Tuesday's classes rolled around it seemed that the abominable snowman was knocking at the door. The more potent blizzard had struck, the student information office had again proven contradictory with their new registration policy and of course the bookstore greeted everyone with their very own heartfelt welcome, along with the instructions "circle your number."

Things, however, weren't all bad, it seems that Corey Fogg and the SA has arranged what looks like another successful concert this Saturday night. And even the inferiority complex of some Michaelmen vanished for a few hours last Tuesday when St. Michael's felt oddly secure as some 400 men of the cloth gathered to greet the new bishop and then left a sea of mud in front of the library.

Then there was Ed Markey, and then there was the basketball team, and then there was those record breaking wins by the opposition and then there was the spring semester schedule here 47 days, gone 10 days, here 8 days, gone 5 days, here 37 days, gone . . . gone . . . gone . . . and then there was the **Michaelman.**

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